

July Newsletter

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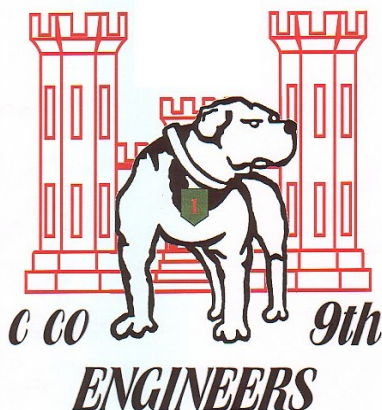
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HARD TRAINING, EASY WAR!!



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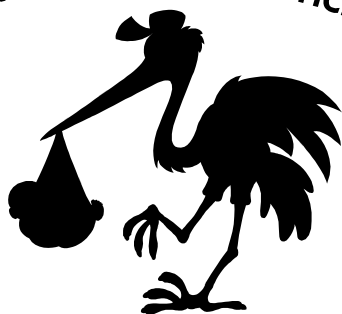
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Congratulations to the Warrick Family!



Cheyenne Sequoia Warrick
Born June 24. 6.6lbs, 20 in. long

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July Birthdays...

5th: SPC Adam Braun

18th: Cpt Aaron Titko

19th: SGT Terrance Hardy

21st: SPC Jonathan Walker

30th: PVT Antoine Maynard

The Emotional Cycle of Deployment will be the subject at the next **FRG Roundtable**. Following a presentation, the floor will be opened up for discussion and questions. As always we will be meeting in the Yellow Ribbon Room at 6 pm. Remember, the Chaplains are feeding us, so we need everyone to RSVP by calling ACSC at 354-6751 or civilian 09721-966751.

Roundtable dates: 19 July, 16 August, 20 September, 18 October



B-B-Q

Next FRG Meeting:

Saturday July 17 @Kessler

We're spicing things up this month and holding a bar-b-cue for our next meeting. Bring a side dish to pass and whatever you would like to drink. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided.

Other Important Information



Health Clinic

- Tobacco cessation classes, 1st Wednesday Of the month, 4 sessions, 1:00, bring lunch 11:30-

Social Work Services

New Programs:

Time management, stress management, changing family roles, being a temporary single parent, etc.



Kids Coping Skills Group

Ages 8-12 yrs. Every Tuesday, Yellow Ribbon Room 3-4 pm. **For Details about these Programs contact Susan Freeman 09721-96-6473.**



Clinic

Pediatric Dentist

Trip to Palm Beach - *Departure time has changed.*

Join the family life center on a trip to Palm Beach near Nurnberg on 29 July. The park offers saunas, thermal pools, swimming pools, water slides and a great area just for kids. This is a great day of relaxation for the whole family! Bus transportation and entrance into the park are free! Departure is at Ledward Barracks at 8:30am and return is 4pm. Call 354-1135 to sign up or to get more information.

Chaplain Services:



***Parenting with love and logic* classes** every Wed. 6-8 pm, call ACS for details

Middle School and High School- Get involved, with CLUB BEYOND!
Contact information: Heather Megnia 017015733826

Supporting Injured Soldiers: Donations Needed for Soldiers coming into Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. Clothing toiletries and monetary donations can be sent by mail to:

Commander,
Landstuhl Regional Medical Center
ATTN: MCEUL-CH/Chaplain's Office
CMR 402

APO AE 09180

For more information, call the chaplains office at DSN 486-4143/8399

Trip to Dresden

The 37th Light Infantry Brigade, the German partnership unit of the 2nd "Dagger" Brigade invited the families of the Schweinfurt Community to a day trip to Dresden on 16 July. The trip is free and includes a brunch at the Frankenberg "Wettiner" Kaserne hosted by the Commander of the 37th Light Infantry Brigade, a guided sightseeing tour of Dresden (including the famous Frauenkirche, Zwinger, Semper Opera, and Blaues Wunder) a shopping tour in downtown Dresden, and a dinner reception with the Prim Minister of the Free State of Saxony. There is no cost for this trip and it is limited to the first 150 people who sign up. For more information contact your FRL.

Wellness

Thermal Spa "KissSalis Therme" in Bad Kissingen

New outdoor and indoor pool including hot springs and sauna opened in Bad Kissingen. Opening hours are daily from 9am to 10pm all year long.

Entrance fees:

(children prices 12yrs and younger)

For **2hrs** 11Euro for adults and 5.50Euro for children

For **3hrs** 13Euro for adults and 6.50Euro for children

For **4hrs** 15Euro adults and 7.50Euro for children

For more info visit www.kissalis.de or call 0971-826621

Terrassen Freibad in Bad Kissingen opened on 1 May 04

The Terrassen Freibad (outdoor pool) in Bad Kissingen is open for the season.

Hours are Mon-Fri 9am-7pm (8pm on hot days)
Sat, Sun & German Holidays open from 8am-7pm

Tickets are 3 Euro for adults.

Camp Adventure is back!



Check the weekly schedule for field trips. Trips will leave on time. Do not be late for departure; there are no alternative programs for children who miss a trip. All children should come each day ready to participate in the days activities. Check the daily schedule to ensure that our children have the appropriate clothing for the day (swimsuit, towel, raincoat, hiking shoes, etc.) For more info call 354-6974 or civ 09721-966974

Reminder: FREE CONCERT TICKETS!

The city of Bad Kissingen is offering **FREE** concert/theater play tickets for families of deployed Soldiers (40 tickets for each concert/play). **Concerts are not suitable for children under the age of 12.**

Persons who are interested to attend should email:

silvia.joiner@cmtymail.98asg.army.mil or call 354-6270/6216 or 09721-966270/6216

Fairy Tales and Legends. The Balthasar-Neumann-Choir and pianist Markus Groh perform works by Schumann, Schubert and Brahms at the Regentenbau (large concert hall) in Bad Kissingen, Ludwigstrasse 2, on 2 July, at 8 pm.

First Night of the Proms. The BBC symphony orchestra performs the overture to "Manfred" by Schumann, a concert for violin cello and orchestra by Schumann and "Harold in Italy" by Berlioz at the Regentenbau (large concert hall) in Bad Kissingen, Ludwigstrasse 2, on 7 July at 8pm.

Munich Sunday Concert performed by the radio orchestra of Munich with arias and duets from "Don Pasquale", "Gasparone", "The Barber of Seville", "The Merry Widows" and "The Bat" at the Regentenbau (large concert hall) in Bad Kissingen, Ludwigstrasse 2, on 11 July at 7pm.

Schubert Gala. The symphony orchestra of Bamberg performs symphony No. 3 by Schubert and orchestra songs by Schubert/Webern and symphony No. 1 by Mahler at the Regentenbau (large concert hall) in Bad Kissingen, Ludwigstrasse 2, on 14 July at 8pm.

The Ghost of Canterville a theater play for the entire family (children ages 8 years old and older) by Oscar Wilde (in German language) performed at the Kurtheater in Bad Kissingen on 18 July at 4pm.

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**Packages to Iraq need to go to the Post Office for
customs check!**

LADY SAPPER DAY T-Shirts are in!!!

Cost: \$5.00

We have 30 medium and 30 large ones. The large ones are quite a bit larger too, which is nice. Come see Malia from 0630 to 1700 daily at the Battalion!

Come down to the 9E Battalion before July 23 and sign the banner that is being sent downrange with messages from us all!

Don't forget to attend the Commander's Action
Forum
on 13 July at 1800 at the Elementary School in
Schweinfurt!

The 9th Engineer BN has walked 5,390.12 miles for the Walk to Iraq and Back.

♦ Hot Water - Askren Manor, Yorktown Village/Kessler Field and Ledward Barracks

The Schweinfurt "Stadtwerke" is repairing the city's district heat system on 12 - 15 July. These repairs affect Ledward Barracks, Askren Manor and Kessler Field/Yorktown Village. On these days hot water will only be available on a limited basis from 7 p.m. - 5 a.m. For additional information, call 354-6201 or

For the **1st Infantry Division families**, if you would like to have a copy of *Danger Forward*, 1 ID's magazine being produced in Iraq, sent to your CMR, then send me an e-mail with your name and complete address to rebecca.sharpton@1id.army.mil or you can call me at 350-6408 DSN or 0931-889-6408 civ.

Thank you,
Spc. Rebecca Sharpton
1ID TF Victory PAO

Want the latest NEWS from DOWNRANGE?

Visit
www.lid.army.mil/lid/media_information/media_information.html



The Community Level Softball team is looking for players. If you are interested in playing softball, contact SSG Franks at:

354-6514 or 09721-966514.

ARTIST WANTED:

The 1st Infantry Division family Readiness Liaison Office is sponsoring a T-Shirt design contest. The T-shirt design is for the division's walk to Iraq and Back program. The winning design will be used for the Walk to Iraq and Back T-shirt prizes. The shirts need to have on the front (I walked to Iraq) and on the back (and Back). All submissions will be accepted. The public will vote on the top five shirts selected. All designs must be submitted by July 12. For more information, contact Scott Hamilton at scott.hamilton@hq.lid.army.mil or Tahmeka Mobley at tahmeka.mobley@hq.lid.army.mil.

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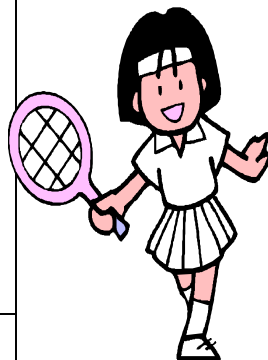
Educational Developmental and Intervention Services

If you are concerned about how well your child relates to others, hears, learns, talks or plays, call EDIS to make an appointment for a developmental screening at 354-6257 or 09721-966257 for children 0-3 years old.

There will be no negative impact on your family, but your child might

benefit from early detection of a potential problem.
Youth Sports and Fitness Camps

For Registration and information call
354-6822 or 09721-966822



Tennis camps will be offered at Kessler Tennis Courts July 12-16 and July 26-30 from 4 to 6 pm. Children Ages 8-12 accepted at no cost. Equipment will be provided, participants must have own tennis shoes.



Flag football camps will be offered upon request at Askren Manor

Soccer Fields for children ages 8-12 at no cost. Minimum 2 Maximum 10 students per class.

A TRIP TO POTTENSTEIN is being planned for Friday 16 July 2004 by the Engineer Brigade in Bamberg. The tentative schedule is to leave the 1st Battalion around 0700 as to be at Rodelbahn by 0930. Visit Rodelbahn, ride paddleboats, walk a trail to a cave, visit the swimbad ect. Prices are leuro50 for adults and leuro for kids, plus entry fees for paddleboats and swimbad. Pack coolers for lunches and snacks. Interested? Call Malia McReynolds at 354+6300/6233 or 09721-945578.

◆ Seattle Sea Gals are visiting Schweinfurt

The Seattle Sea Gals Cheerleaders will be in Schweinfurt on 12 July. They will conduct a cheerleading clinic in two sessions and two autograph sessions at the Kessler Gym.

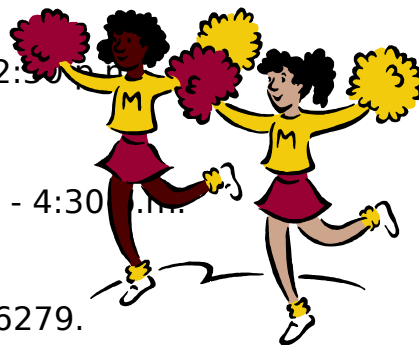
Session 1 for girls ages 6 - 9 years old from 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

An autograph session from 2:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Session 2 for girls ages 10 - 15 years old from 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

An autograph session from 4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

For additional information, call 354-6279 or 09721-966279.



USO SCHWEINFURT **DSN 354-6711 or CIV 09721-96-6711.**

JULY 2004

Rothenburg ob der Tauber, July 10
Buchenwald Concentration Camp, July 11
Neustadt Crystal Shopping, July 17
Legoland Germany, July 18
Holiday Park, July 24
Nuernberg Zoo, July 25
Coburg Fortress, July 31

AUGUST 2004

Palm Beach WaterPark, Aug 1
3-Country Express, Aug 6-8
(Visit Switzerland, Lichtenstein and Austria all in one day!)
Tripsdrill, Aug 8
Neuschwanstein Castle, Aug 14
Wildpark Bad Mergentheim, Aug 15
Black Forest, Aug 21
Legoland Germany, Aug 22
Rothenburg ob der Tauber, Aug 28
Nuernberg Zoo, Aug 29



Come by the USO for information on trip costs, entrance fees, departure times and a detailed cancellation policy.

Hours of Operation:
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Commander's Brief

Dawg family, It has finally happened... it is gosh darn hot here in Iraq. Despite the heat sometimes pushing above 130, the dawgs of war continue to provide outstanding support to their task forces.

1st platoon conducted two major events this month, first they fixed a broken oil pipeline in their sector. this is not remarkable, until you realize that the Iraqi oil ministry could not fix the pipeline, and that it was the major pipeline that provided Baghdad with electricity oil. 1st platoon, never taking no for an answer, was able to get the pipeline fixed and prevented thousands of trucks from having to drive the oil from Mosul to Baghdad. Second, 1st platoon intercepted several truckloads of 155mm artillery shells. their interception of the shells made the roads a much safer place. Outstanding job by a great platoon.

2d platoon has been extremely busy as well. they continue to patrol 1-7's sector and are working closely with the Iraqi National Guard. They are assisting with their training and are doing an excellent job of it. In addition, 2d platoon continues to keep the routes in TF 1-77's sector free of IEDs. they excel at this mission and are some of the best in the brigade at it.

A&O has been conducting reconisnance of the local ammunition supply points for the past month. they have been very successful at this and completed several ASPs. the data they collected on the ASPs has helped focus the brigade's effort in removing all of the loose ammunition in the brigade sector. as the ammunition gets removed, the bad guy's supply of IED making material dries up. The battalion will use the information A&O collected to cut contracts for iraqi laborers to go into the ASPs and clean them up. great job.

Headquarters has also been very busy this month. they sent SGT Hardy to bobcat training and got him qualified on the small piece of earthmoving equipment. also, headquarters has been busy planning future operations for the company, coordinating transportation for the platoons, and keeping track of the soldiers going home for R&R. Please continue your support of us over

First Sergeant's Corner

1SG Morgan: It's that time of the month again for me here at the FOB! Again we are very busy putting out all the fires that Battalion is giving us and trying to keep are heads in the game. This is the time in are deployment where you, the families, will need to support the team here in Iraq as well as in Schweinfurt. Constantly remind the guy's and yourselves how much we need each other and to stay focused on the mission. Every day I am proud of what you and the soldiers do as the "Daws of War".

1st Plt put their heads together and sling loaded a SEE Tractor into a remote location to repair a major pipe line for the people of Iraq. This enabled the people to get much needed fuel to supply their towns and villages. My hat is off to the Maddogs for this. SGT Rhea reenlisted to get a choice duty assignment and the cash again, did help.

2nd PLT has been busy trying to keep me from coming down and making a very nice addition to their FOB/PLT area. SGT Smith is trying to be a carpenter with the supervision of PFC Hansen showing him how to do it! They are in the process of making a day room for their CP. I am sure by the time it is complete all will have their hands in the mix. I would like to say congratulations to SGT Warrick and his wife on their new baby.

A&O PLT has done an outstanding JOB with the ASP recons this month. By completing this they will be able to go out in the following months to make Iraq a safer place for all of the people here. Again they are preparing to take over Force Protection and improve the FOB living areas. SPC Smith did manage to get a choice assignment following Iraq! He gets to go to Hawaii! Not bad for him and his family. HQ's has managed to get to keep the CMDR and myself out of hot water through the month. I am very proud of SSG Clayton and the "Dirty Ops" for the work they do. SGT Hernandez got to take R&R leave to see his new born child and is having a great time I am sure. Again I am very proud of our Team and will always take pride in them.

Mad Dawg Corner

1 July 2004

I can't remember the last day when the temperature was under 100 degrees, or the last time we had a "down day".

The month of June started off with a bang, actually a series of loud bangs. The Mad Dawgs were called upon to help a National Guard unit that found over 15 trucks transporting more than 2,000 artillery shells through our area of operations. Our platoon was tasked with downloading and inventorying every one of the rounds, most of them weighing more than 100 lbs. Once we took them off all of the trucks we had to inspect each round individually and separate the rounds that still had explosives in them from the ones that had none. We ended up finding over 500 rounds packed with explosive that could easily be used against American or Coalition forces as roadside bombs. Then we destroyed the 500 live rounds in a series of controlled blasts that could be heard from miles away across the desert. It was a difficult mission due to the large number of rounds we were dealing with, but it was a rewarding feeling getting those weapons off the streets.

There was no break between us destroying the last batch of rounds and our platoon being called upon to use our Engineer expertise to help improve FOB security. Our Sappers were asked to reinforce the entire perimeter wall of our FOB with sand filled barriers. It took us over a week to set up baskets along the inside of the wall and with the help of National Guard engineers we filled them with bulldozers and bucket loaders. The entire Task Force is considerably more protected from outside threats than we were before the Mad Dawgs completed this mission.

The rest of the month was filled with various missions ranging from setting up traffic control points to simply getting out and walking the ground searching for roadside bombs. Our platoon was critical to finding an Iraqi suspected of firing rockets at our FOB. A radar on our FOB found where a rocket was launched from one night and our platoon was called upon to conduct a hasty raid to find the people who fired it. We conducted the raid perfectly and brought in four detainees, one of whom was the suspected leader of those firing the rockets. It was a big find for both our platoon and the Task Force.

Morale was boosted this month as well when we sent our first Mad Dawgs home on RnR. PVT Wolfe and PVT Washington both went home this month for two weeks. Three more members of the platoon are heading home in the month of July. We're still optimistic that the entire platoon will have the opportunity to take leave before we redeploy.

Morale is still amazingly high as we enter our sixth month of the

Rogue Sappers Corner

Hello all and welcome to another Rogue update

This month has been fairly quiet, with a large focus on working and training ICDC(called Iraqi National Guard now). We started the month working in northern Balad and attempting to locate all of the mosques and schools in the area. We located many of each, but there are probably many more that we did not locate. This is part of the effort to help rebuild Iraq. The schools are probably the platoon's biggest focus. We've distributed many toys, candy, and school supplies to the multitude of children in our area. No one wants to see a child unable to go to school because of lack of supplies. Thanks to many of the folks back home, the number here in Iraq has begun to diminish.

As far as training the Iraqi National Guard, we have begun a B/1-77 company effort to give our sponsor company a thorough grounding in basic military fundamentals. Essentially, we are sending them through our own cut down version of basic training. The training includes Land Navigation, First Aid, Basic Rifle Marksmanship, convoy tactics, responsibility of Officers and NCOs, and basic military drill to discipline them into a working unit. We had to begin the last part because many of the Iraqis had no concept of Team, Squad, or Platoon. Everyday the squads and platoons would change - because somebody wanted to spend the day with his buddy! That, or when they thought it was time to come to our local range and conduct rifle training. But, we are working hard with them and little by little, they will take over the responsibility for Balad.

Well, that was at the beginning of the month, and we continued that throughout, but our patrol focused changed about halfway through. We have spent the last two weeks conducted route clearance and teaching the Iraqi National Guard how to properly man checkpoints. It has shown drastic dividends as the Iraqis stay at their posts 24 hours a day now. We are pleased with the results.

Everyday, the Rogues continue to improve their living space. Their current home definitely has a touch of uniqueness to it. They are currently building themselves their own MWR room/platoon work space building out behind their barracks. A little more gets added each day. It's been offered to be contracted out, but Sappers are Sappers and they said they'd build their own stuff! We'll get some pictures posted on the 9E website as soon as we can.

We have had a couple of ceremonies of importance. On the 29th of May, we had the Purple Heart ceremony, where SSG (P) Villanueva, SPC Gerts, and PV2 Lents were awarded the distinguished medal. Later that same day, SSG(P) Villanueva, SSG Andrews, and SGT Warrick all reenlisted under LTC Schantz's hand. Also, a long overdue promotion was awarded to PFC Cook, now SPC Cook. We also took part in a part of history as the 1ST Infantry Division was officially awarded its combat patch on the 6th of June, 60 years to the day following the storming of the beaches at Normandy.

Other special days this month -

June 2 - SPC Gerts celebrated his birthday

June 6 - SGT Warrick celebrated his birthday

June 24 - SGT Warrick and his wife Jasmin celebrated the birth of their baby girl, Cheyenne. Welcome to the Rogue Sappers Cheyenne! SGT Warrick was able to attend the birth and both mother and daughter are doing well.

June 27 - SGT Marmalejo celebrated his birthday

Upcoming days-

July 4 - Independence Day (we'll be celebrating on the 2nd due to the fact that that was the only day they could manage to get everything together for the celebration here!)

July 5 - SPC Braun celebrates his birthday

July 21 - SPC Walker celebrates his birthday

Jul 28 - SGT Van Order's wife Krissy celebrates her birthday

R&R Questions Answered

Afternoon Everyone,

Here are some questions that were asked, we think that this might benefit everyone. Take care and have a great day!

***** Do the soldiers get dropped off at their home here is Schweinfurt, or is it an option to pick the soldier up?? Or does it depend on the time of day??**

ANSWER: The soldier will get picked up at Conn and taken to the Battalion Hq on Ledward (Bldg 214). We'll ensure he's properly signed out on leave and receives a quick brief (5 minutes). The spouse can pick the soldier up at that point. If the spouse can't pick up the soldier for any reason, we drive the soldier home.

***** People have said that the soldiers are not allowed to wear their DCU's on the plane home and that they must buy civilian clothes while in Kuwait. Is this true??**

ANSWER: This is not true - soldiers coming back on R & R since it officially began in June have been in DCUs. During the month of May, R & R was drastically cut back and the few soldiers that came back flew on commercial planes paid for by the Army. Due to the flights being on commercial airliners, the soldiers had to wear civilian clothes. R & R is now a fully functioning program, so soldiers are flying in DCUs again.

***** There have been conflicting reports on when R&R actually begins for the soldier. Some say that it is when they are in Kuwait, others say that it doesn't start until Midnight of the night they actually arrive. (In turn giving them the first day as kind of a freebie.)**

ANSWER: The soldier's R & R leave date begins at 0001 on the day after he arrives. In civilian terms that means that if a soldier arrived at any time on 10 June, his leave would start at 1 minute after midnight on 11 June- so yes, the first day is a "freebie".

***** We have heard that we get three phone calls when the soldier leaves for R&R. The first when they leave Iraq, Then when they reach Kuwait, and then once they get to Schweinfurt. Do you know if this is true??**

ANSWER: I am not receiving any current information on exactly when a soldier leaves Iraq for Kuwait. In most cases we are only receiving a phone call when the soldier actually arrives in Rhein Main and sometimes not until he gets to Conn Barracks in Schweinfurt. We've also received emails the day prior with estimated departure times, but those can easily change. In any case, as soon as we get confirmation that the soldier is truly enroute, we notify the spouse. So, the real answer is that the notification times have varied. Please